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SUBJECT: PATROL BOAT REQUEST: LATEST COMMENT ON US TURNDOWN

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1. DECISION BY US NOT TO PROVIDE PATROL BOAT TO ICELAND CONTINUED TO GENERATE PRESS ATTENTION TODAY.

2. PROGRESSIVE PARTY'S TIMINN, WHICH IN COMMON WITH OTHER AM PAPERS DOES NOT PUBLISH ON MONDAY, CARRIED REUTERS ACCOUNT OF KISSINGER ASSURANCE TO CROSLAND OF NO SHIPS FOR ICELAND (PARA FIVE REFTEL) ON FRONT PAGE.

3. IN TIMINN POLITICAL COLUMN, RIGHT-WING PROGRESSIVE ALFRED THORSTEINSSON CITED US REFUSAL AS LATEST EXAMPLE OF HOW ICELAND'S FRIENDS HAD LET IT DOWN IN FISHERIES DISPUTE. THORSTEINSSON, WHO SEEMS TO BE INCREASINGLY SOURED ON US AND NATO DEFENSE RELATIONSHIPS AS RESULT OF COD WAR, ALSO LISTED UK
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ARMED AGGRESSION, EEC "ECONOMIC PRESSURE," AND

NATO'S FAILURE TO PRESS UK TO CHANGE TACTICS AS FACTORS THAT ARE CHANGING ICELANDERS' FOREIGN POLICY OUTLOOK. AS RESULT OF THIS KIND OF RESPONSE FROM FRIENDS, THORSTEINSSON SAID, ICELAND'S NATO MEMBERSHIP IS NOW IN GREAT DANGER.

4. MORGUNBLADID SAID TODAY THAT COAST GUARD HAS DECIDED TO ACCEPT US PROPOSAL AND SEND SOMEONE TO LOOK AT ASHEVILLE CRAFT WITH VIEW TO POSSIBLY HAVING ONE MADE. NO DECISION ON TIMING OF TRIP HAS BEEN MADE, ACCORDING TO PAPER. MARTIN

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